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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LAMINATION OF BAND-SHAPED
UNCURED RUBBER MATERIALS

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of laminating band-shaped uncured rubber materials to form a laminated rubber member having a given sectional shape by helically winding a band-shaped uncured rubber material extruded through an extruder on a rotating support, which comprises using two or more rubber compositions indicating different moduli after the curing as a rubber material fed to the extruder;

extruding a first rubber material through the extruder as a first band-shaped rubber member and helically winding the first band-shaped rubber member on the rotating

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